

The Order of Free Masons avail themselves of the anniversary of St. John's (the Evangelist) birth-day, to install the officers of their Lodges. The character of the Apostle and his companionship with his Divine Master, and the fact that he had the care of the crucifixion, make the association of his name with that of the ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons peculiarly interesting. When St. John had attained a great age, it is reported he was so feeble that he could not walk to the assemblies of the church; he therefore caused himself to be carried in by young men. He was no longer able to say much, but he constantly repeated the words, "Little children, love one another." On being asked why he constantly repeated this one saying, he replied, "Because it is the command of the Lord; and enough is done if this is done." These words should have an echo throughout our country.

This charitable and social organization extends over the whole United States, and while sectional feeling appears in the churches and in Congress, may prove the true bond of union.

"May all the sons of peace  
Their every grace improve,  
Till discord through the nation cease,  
And all the world be love."

Masonry is represented as opening a new temple to man, and erects a new altar above all prejudice, and disensions and selfishness—a temple dedicated to Friendship, Love, and Truth, where men of all parties are taught to lay aside their differences and their hypocrisy, and meet on the common ground of truth and charity. The Lodges are designed to be the asylums of peace and love; political or religious disputes can never enter there, and within their peace-inspiring walls men of antagonistic faith meet as brothers, and bind themselves by solemn vows to fulfill the Christian law of love, and to do good to all men, as they have opportunity or ability.

The reason of the secrecy of the universal language of the order is, that thereby a perpetual bond of union and amity results among the members.

"Speed on, ye faithful brothers! speed!  
And blessings with you go,  
Still add the widow to her need,  
And soothe the orphan's woe!  
Still by the heart-stricken stranger's side,  
With words of kindness stay,  
And bid the deep and troubled tide  
Of sorrow pass away!  
Ye generous band! long may you stand,  
The grand and noble youth!  
Shoulder to shoulder, hand to hand,  
In Honor, Virtue, Truth!"

**President and Half a Congress.**  
The President's message was read in the Senate yesterday. He denies the power of Congress to intervene in the disposition of slavery in the Territories. He claims that the Courts are to determine this subject. Senator Jeff. Davis, animated upon this position of the President, and urged that Congress should intervene for right of slaveholders in the Territories. After the reading of the message the Senate, not having any printer, adjourned until Friday.

We present a short summary of the points of the President's Message—part on the first page.

The Message was not even read in the House, it remaining disorganized. It was proposed to elect a Speaker for ten days, that the Postoffice appropriations might be made, but the proposition was not received. The twenty-second ballot resulted in Sherman lacking four votes of being elected Speaker. Adjourned.

**Delegates to the Columbus Democratic Convention.**  
The Democracy of this city and county held meetings in the different Wards and Townships, last night, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Columbus Convention, to be held on Thursday, January 5. The delegates were instructed to vote for delegates to the Charleston Convention who were favorable to the nomination of Douglas for the Presidency. The following are all the Wards that were heard from at the time of going to press:

- First Ward—P. Fox; alternate, E. A. Ferguson.
- Second Ward—J. Bell Pollock.
- Third Ward—J. Connolly.
- Fourth Ward—G. W. C. Johnston.
- Fifth Ward—W. G. Halpin.
- Sixth Ward—J. B. Malloy.
- Seventh Ward—J. O'Dowd.
- Eighth Ward—A. Shaffer.
- Ninth Ward—J. O'Dowd.
- Tenth Ward—John Vandiek; alternate, Jacob Hecht.
- Twelfth Ward—J. Eilers, V. Eichenlaub.
- Thirteenth Ward—D. Hannan; alternate, Hugh Campbell.
- Fourteenth Ward—B. P. Churchill.
- Fifteenth Ward—John Dean.
- Sixteenth Ward—T. G. Tiernon.
- Seventeenth Ward—

**What We Eat, and Whom We Marry.**  
The *Javeline* of this city advertises to the proposed legal interdiction by Kentucky, of the marriage of cousins, and submits some pertinent reflections upon the subject, illustrating its views by reference to the significant fact that the vigorous race of Israel has existed for thirty-three centuries, a healthy, moral, intelligent, sober and industrious people. It attributes this almost miraculous national peculiarity to their observance of the laws of Moses, in their marriage, to their rests and pleasures, and much to their food. The writer favors a scientific investigation into the sales in our markets, that the purchaser may be protected from diseased meat or flesh of unclean beasts. What we eat and whom we marry are questions of importance.

**Death of an Ex-Congressman.**  
Hon. Timothy Jenkins, a distinguished lawyer from Central New York, died at Martinsburg, in that State, on Saturday last. He was born in Barre, Mass., January 29, 1799. He commenced the practice of law in Oneida County, N. Y., and was District Attorney therein until he resigned the office on being elected a Representative in Congress. He served in that body during 1848-9 and 1851-2.

**Fire in Worcester, Mass.**—On the night of the 22d inst., a fire broke out in the cord factory building of T. K. Earle & Co., in Worcester, which was partially destroyed, with a number of sewing machines owned by Thos. Earle. Loss about \$15,000, partially insured.

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All attendance is especially requested. By order  
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